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Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned  
TITLE: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
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BETWEEN DEVICES VIA AN  
INDUSTRIAL NETWORK

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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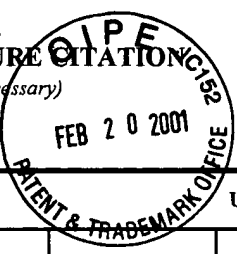
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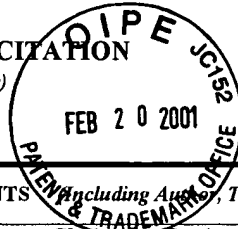
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